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RE: EB-2011-0394

Notice of Application and Hearing

Application for leave to construct transmission facilities for McLeans's Mountain Wind LP

Dear Ms. Walli,

We object to a written hearing on the grounds that it deprives the people who will be most affected by this proposal of the right to hear and witness the arguments presented as well as a voice in the decision-making process. We also feel that oral hearings provide a more thorough and exhaustive investigation of the issues.

We also object to this project, on the grounds that no substantive and impartial cost-benefit analysis has been conducted to ascertain that it is, in fact, in the best interests of consumers with respect to prices, reliability and quality of electricity service, the OEB's mandate, considerations which take precedence over the Government of Ontario's ideologically and irresponsible promotion of the use of so-called renewable energy sources.

The Government of Ontario has rashly rushed into the promotion of alternative energy sources, such as Wind Farms, without due-diligence, a cost-benefit analysis or investigating other options which would provide better value, quality and reliability. This is not merely our opinion, but one of the recent findings of the Ontario Auditor General.

LSARC is a grass roots organization with members from Sault Ste Marie to Thunder Bay who wish to conserve the wilderness and ecological values of the shores of Lake Superior and oppose the inappropriate, and needless, industrialization of this wilderness which not only damages the environment but negatively impacts the tourism upon which 17% of area employment depends. LSARC also opposes the undemocratic Green Energy and Economy Act which deprives communities of their right to decide upon renewable energy developments, and the economically and financially destructive implementation of the Government of Ontario's renewable energy policies, including FIT subsidies, which destroys jobs in Ontario and results in much higher electricity prices for consumers while providing less quality and reliability.

LSAC requests intervenor status at the oral hearing we hope the Board will decide upon.

Sincerely,

George Browne

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